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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/854,934 filed May 13, 1997, by O.P. Thomas et al. for "IMPROVED COMPOSITE ELASTIC MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/907,585 filed August 8, 1997, by J. D. Surprise et al. for "MULTI-FUNCTIONAL FASTENER FOR DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/100,574 filed June 19, 1998, by L.L. Elsberg for "DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING PASSIVE SIDE BONDS AND ADJUSTABLE FASTENING SYSTEMS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/455571 filed December 6, 1999, by P.S. McNichols for "METHOD OF MAKING AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH PREFASTENED SIDE PANELS AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES MADE BY THE SAME."



U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/100,681 filed June 19, 1998, by T.J. Blenke et al. for
"ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING BELT LOOPS AND AN ADJUSTABLE BELT."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/326,300 filed June 4, 1999, by J.D. Surprise et al. for
"DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING AN ADJUSTABLE, PRETENSIONED
WAISTBAND FASTENING SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/466,490 filed December 17, 1999, by L.L. Elsberg et al. for
"PRE-FASTENED DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING A STRETCH PANEL."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/216,545 filed December, 18 1998, by T.H. Roessler et al.
for "PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH AN EASY OPENING
FEATURE."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/706,294 filed November 3, 2000, by J.E. Pozniak et al. for
"PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way
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35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available
material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within
this Statement.

A completed modified PTO-1449 form listing the documents to which the Examiner's attention is
directed and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and
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receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying
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